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[1](#)1. (U) Post briefed MFA contacts on reftel points on August 22 and 28. Asst MFA for EU and NATO Member States Neven Pelicaric told Charge at time that the GoC appreciated the USG's continued engagement on this sensitive issue.

[1](#)2. (C) COMMENT: While PM Sanader has made repeated media comments that the Serbian Government must have a voice in determining Kosovo's final status, MFA's Kosovo desk officer Dino Mihanovic assured PolOff that these statements were exclusively for Belgrade's ears. The GoC and the Croatian public would welcome an independent Kosovo, he said, though they share concerns that this not be misused as a precedent for Republika Srpska in BiH. END COMMENT.  
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